

I encourage you to put the public interest ahead of private ones and allow greater time for open public debate of the proposed further easing of the present caps on media ownership. Even if more outlets are opened up more perspectives will NOT necessarily be heard. For an electorate to cast a truly informed vote, it needs access to diverse ideas and voices. The airwaves are of course public property, and the public's democratic interest should predominate in this area. Again, I urge you to allow more time for free and open debate of media consolidation and its effects on public attitudes.

Respectfully,

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